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Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

January 9, 2008

Dear ENERGY STAR Partners and Stakeholders:

The Department of Energy is in the process of revising the ENERGY STAR criteria for clothes washers. We are seeking your comments on the proposal.

We are proposing a two phase revision to the existing criteria.

- Effective July 1, 2009, the requirements will be a minimum Modified Energy Factor (MEF) of 1.8 and a maximum Water Factor (WF) of 7.5.
- o Effective January 1, 2011 the requirements will be a minimum MEF of 2.0 and a maximum WF of 6.0.

Please review the attached analysis and provide your comments to <u>richard.karney@ee.doe.gov</u> and <u>bmcnary@drintl.com</u> no later than January 23, 2008.

Thank you for your interest in the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

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Attachment